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HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
CAROL BROOKS CASEY

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mexia and indeed all of Monroe County recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory. Carol Brooks Casey was a beloved citizen with a long and distinguished record of community service.

Carol, a renowned radio announcer, began her 32-year broadcasting career in 1977 at WMFC station in Monroeville. Although she initially professed a disinterest in radio, Carol possessed self-confidence, determination, and graciousness that earned her the affectionate title "The Voice of Monroe County." Her radiant presence brought joy to those with whom she worked and earned her "star status" among her frequent listeners.

A leader for a host of philanthropic causes, Carol was honored by the local Kiwanis Club as its "2008 Citizen of the Year." She served as chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, was one of the organizers of Excel's Pioneer Days, established a Christmas toy drive for children, and helped promote the national Angel Tree organization. She was also an active member in a number of civic organizations, including: the American Cancer Society, Peddlin' for a Cure, the American Red Cross, Kiwanis Club of Monroeville, and the Monroeville/Monroe Chamber of Commerce, among others. She also organized the first Veteran's Day Parade in Monroe County in 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a generous friend, and an inspirational voice for Monroe County and Southwest Alabama. Carol will be dearly missed by her family—her husband, Mike Casey; her son, Calvin Casey; her daughter, Adrienne Casey; her three sisters, Helen Tucker, Land Watford, and Wanda Brooks; and her brothers, Mike Brooks and Cliff Brooks—as well as the countless friends and devoted listeners she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the following poem—written by Reverend Wayne McMillian, pastor of the Mexia Baptist Church, as a tribute to Carol—be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

A VOICE IN THE WIND

The Morning Dove arose with the dew  
Her voice on the wind like pigeon flew  
Bringing music, joy, and laughter she knew

Would brighten a dull and somber world.

She knew us well, that voice on the wind  
The hand she held of many a friend  
Through concerts, charities and raffles send  
Help to the needy in this crippled world.

Now the Morning Dove from here has flown  
Her voice on the wind, in a celestial dome  
Yet the Waves she rode right here at home  
Will be her legacy in that perfect world.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE  
ETHRIDGE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of, Mary Alice Ethridge, 61, the executive director of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, who passed away recently after a two year battle with colon cancer. I extend to all of her friends and family my deepest sympathy for their loss.

According to the Rowlett Lakeshore Times, "She took a medical leave of absence from the chamber earlier this year but did not speak publicly about her condition. Ethridge's daughter, Laura Morris, said her mother was a constant source of encouragement.

"My mother was my best friend and my inspiration in life and spirituality," Morris said. "There was no challenge too big. If someone told me no, my mother taught me to find a way to make it yes, but always with grace and dignity. She taught me that friendships are one of the greatest gifts a person can give another person, and that one can never have too many friends."

"Ethridge served as the executive director of the Rowlett chamber for more than 20 years, and she helped the chamber grow from a one-room office to its current building along Main Street. She helped develop the Leadership Rowlett program and the annual casino night fund-raiser.

"Chamber board member Staci Mauldin said she will never forget Ethridge's unwavering commitment to the community. 'I'll most remember her for her dedication to the chamber and the business community here,' Mauldin said. 'It was something that was very near and dear to her heart.'

"Besides working at the chamber, Ethridge also enjoyed gardening and enjoying her home. She and her husband, Robert, were married about 40 years. Ethridge was also involved with the Alpha-Nu Sorority, Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Crimestoppers, and the Rowlett Arts and History Foundation.

"Above all, Ethridge enjoyed a good laugh.

"The one thing that will always be with me will be her contagious laugh and beautiful smile," Morris said. "We loved to make each other roll with laughter. I miss her deeply already."

While representing the wonderful community of Rowlett, I had the honor of getting to know Mary Alice. She touched many of us in such a positive way that her life will never be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege to know her. Mary Alice was an outstanding individual and she will be dearly missed. I ask all Members, please join me in honoring the distinguished memory of Mary Alice Ethridge.

HONORING EDWIN AND JEAN  
KRUPA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin and Jean Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jean worked in my Congressional District Office for years, and her dedicated service and hard work made her both a valuable asset and someone who is a pleasure to know.

The love and dedication required through 50 years of marriage are truly worth celebrating. I am pleased to recognize them on this milestone, and wish them a continued life of adventures and fond memories.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jean Krupa and her husband Edwin Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE:  
ROBBINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
ROBBINSDALE MN

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary services provided by the Robbinsdale Fire Department throughout the past 100 years. Established in 1909; the Robbinsdale Fire Department has dutifully responded to fire calls, assisted neighboring communities, extinguished structure fires, grass fires, vehicle fires, responded to gas leaks, hazardous material spills, and advocated fire prevention through inspections and community education. The members of the fire department are residents of Robbinsdale who serve and protect their families, friends, and neighbors 365 days a year, regardless of the perilous nature of their work.

I applaud their dedication and service to their community. The professionalism of the Robbinsdale Fire Department is an inspiration to those they serve. Their commitment to public service is honorable and I encourage all who encounter past, present or future members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department to thank them for their selfless service to their city. On behalf of the residents of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District, I commend the members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department for their hard work and sacrifice and wish them well in their next century of service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E.  
KELEHER

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Dr. Robert Keleher of the Joint Economic Committee, who is retiring this week from government